

FORECAST—Oklahoma: Fair Friday, colder to night, Saturday, colder.  
Tulsa, Dec. 9.—The temperature, minimum 75, maximum 95; south winds and clear.

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## GERMANY IS NOW READY TO END WAR

BERLIN, Dec. 9 (via London).—So long as uncontrolled hatred of Germany and the belief that Germany is approaching a collapse continues to be the dominant idea of the countries with which she is at war, it would be folly for Germany to take the initiative in proposing terms of peace. Germany, however, is ready at any time to consider a peace suggestion from the countries with which she is at war; does not wish a continuation of the war, and disassociates herself under these circumstances from any responsibility for its prolongation.

This is the substance of the German imperial chancellor's reply in the reichstag today to the socialist interpellation on peace. In which he pointed out that Germany is triumphant on all sides and supplied with everything, even if not in abundance, necessary to the continuation of the war.

The interpellation was introduced by Dr. Scheideemann in the following terms:

**Dignified Settlement.**

"Is the imperial chancellor ready to give information as to the conditions under which he would be willing to enter into peace negotiations?"

"If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with Germany's honor and safety," said Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, "then we shall always be ready to discuss them. So long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt or ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public opinion it would be folly for Germany to make peace proposals which would not shorten but would lengthen the war. First the masks must be torn from their faces."

Only the socialist spoke on the interpretation, all the non-socialist parties joining in a short declaration opposing discussion at this moment. The tone of the debate was dignified and patriotic and the imperial chancellor was followed attentively and respectfully except for occasional interruptions and outbursts of laughter from the socialist, Dr. Liebknecht, who has not been in accord with his party since the beginning of the war and who today received no sympathy.

**Can't Be Starved Out.**

The imperial chancellor in his first speech lasting half an hour, explained the military situation on all the fronts and declared emphatically that Germany could not be starved out. The country had enough food, if properly distributed, he said. Germany's enemies, he said, were suffering more than the Germans and paying higher prices for food.

"Honors that Germany is on the verge of a collapse," said the chancellor, "and the attribution of a peace mission to every prominent German who goes abroad, Prince von Ruolow, Prince Maximilian of Baden, Dr. Joffe, secretary for the colonies, and Cardinal von Hartmann—reports in which there is not a word of truth—are all part of a deliberate campaign to keep up the spirits of the enemy peoples in the face of repeated defeats. There is not a weak point in the German reckoning. If our enemies do not choose to accept the situation and end the war now they must do so later. Germany can wait."

## CITY MANAGER PLAN TALKED AT CAPITAL

Secretary of Texas Municipal Principal Speaker at Last Night's Session.

Special to The World.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 9.—Speaking on the "City Manager Plan" Prof. H. James, secretary of the Texas municipal league and head of the municipal reference department of the Texas university, addressed the members of the Oklahoma municipal league tonight, closing the first day's session of the league tomorrow's sessions will be held in Norman. Professor James took the place of Mayor H. D. Lindsay of Dallas who, it was explained, went to Washington with the Dallas delegation in quest of the national democratic convention.

These questions will be answered the second day of the meeting.

**\$30,000 FOR HIS WIFE'S AFFECTIONS**

Special to The World.

HUGO, Okla., Dec. 9.—H. E. Majors of Hugon filed suit here today against Dr. C. S. Lynch, a prominent and wealthy physician of Hugon, for \$30,000 damages, charging Dr. Lynch alienated the affections of his wife, through criminal conversation. The Majors family is prominent. Attachments were issued against the property of Dr. Lynch, who left Hugon some weeks ago and who is now reported to be doing post-graduate work in St. Louis.

## MANY REPUBLICANS GOING TO MEETING

Enthusiastic Session Expected at Oklahoma City Tomorrow.

## TO DISCUSS SINCLAIR

But Tulsa Has Not Yet Consented to Run for Committeeman.

LETTERS and telegrams received from all sections of the state point to a representative attendance at the state-wide conference of Republicans that has been called for Oklahoma City tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The national committee matter will be the paramount issue under discussion, but the delegates will enter the conference only with a view to having a harmonious session and personalities will not figure in the deliberations.

The meeting has been called by the local committee that some weeks ago proposed the name of Harry P. Sinclair of this city for national committeeman, but that does not necessitate.

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## VIRGINIA BOOM TOWN LEVELED; NO LIVES LOST

Hopewell Swept by Fire Yesterday Afternoon; Now in Ruins.

## MILITIA HURRIED TO STOP LOOTING

11-Year-Old Boy Is Hero; Negro Is Lynched for Stealing.

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 9.—Hopewell, Va., the boom town of twenty-five thousand, founded by the Du Pont Powder company, virtually was destroyed by fire late today. At 9 p. m. the flames still were uncontrolled but it was said there was little left to burn in the town and the company's powder mill, some distance away, was not believed to be in danger. The blaze started in a restaurant.

The loss was estimated at from one to three million dollars with practically no insurance on either buildings or stocks. No lives are known to have been lost but a negro was hanged for looting.

At the request of the chief of police, Governor Stuart rushed six companies of militia from Richmond. They were on duty tonight. Seventy additional soldiers left Richmond for Hopewell in special trains tonight.

It was estimated that ten thousand families were made homeless by the fire.

**Thousands Homeless.**

Petersburg early tonight was filling up with Hopewell men and women rendered homeless by the fire. The local militia patrolled the city and Mayor Cabanis ordered all saloons closed. The Petersburg city council held a special session tonight to provide funds for the relief of the needy, while the churches of the city were converted into sleeping quarters for the homeless.

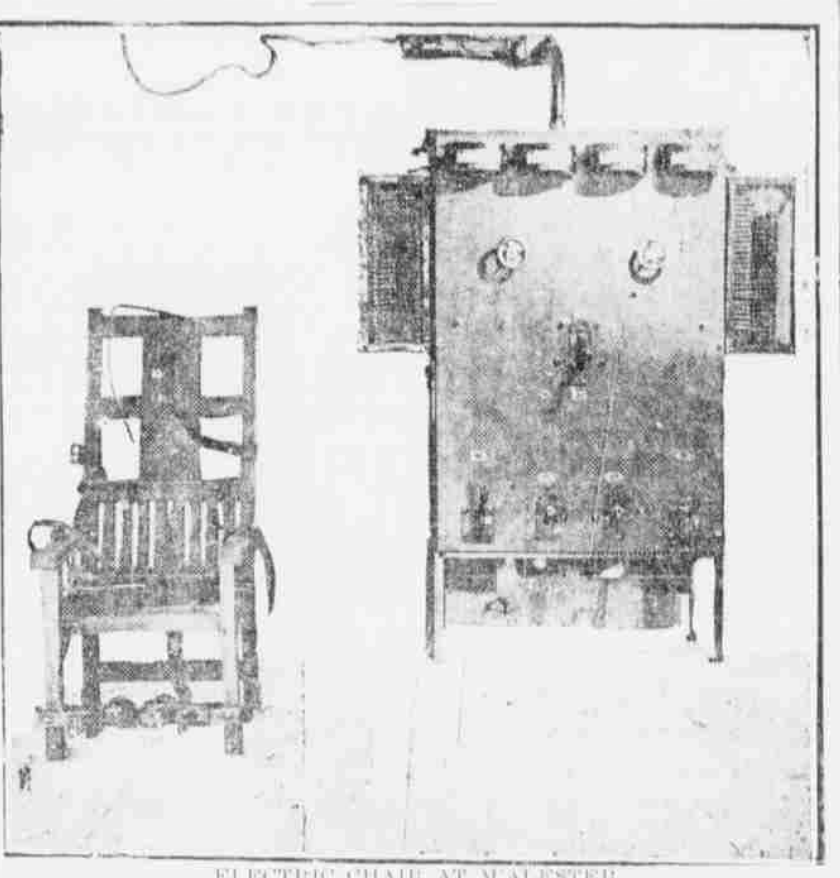
The fire started at 1:45 o'clock on the third floor of a Greek restaurant on Appomattox street. A strong wind fanned the blaze and within ten minutes the entire block was in flames.

Long before the Du Pont and Petersburg fire departments arrived in response to an urgent call the fire had gained such headway that the firemen were helpless and every business house, restaurant and hotel in the town was destroyed.

Adam Drum, 11-year-old Richmond boy, was the hero of the fire. He dashed into a front room on the second floor and opened the window. A second later with the infant in his arms. He shouted to the men below to hold a blanket. They grabbed a bed covering from among the things thrown from the building and the boy leaped forward and with a cry fell with the infant in his arms.

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## Henry Bookman, Negro, to Pay Life Penalty for the Murder of White Man, at 1 A. M. Today



ELECTRIC CHAIR AT MALESTER. First photograph ever published of the death room at the state penitentiary, where Henry Bookman, negro murderer, was scheduled to pay the penalty for his crime at 1 o'clock this morning.

## BIG ROAD MEETING OPENS AT 10 A. M.

More Delegates to Attend Than Was at First Anticipated.

## TWO DAYS' SESSION

Speeches and Practical Demonstrations Feature the Program.

WITH more delegates present than first was anticipated, the second annual convention of the Oklahoma State Good Roads Federation will get under way this morning at 10 o'clock. The meeting promises to be the largest and most important of the kind ever held in the state and probably will be the means of greatly improving Oklahoma's roads during the coming year.

A majority of the counties of the state have sent delegates, some of them as many as twenty-five, and these began to arrive last night. They are men who are acquainted with the somewhat complicated road question and intend to impart some of that knowledge to others. Others will come this morning, but it is almost a certainty before the convention is called to order all will be in their places.

The various sessions are to be held in the assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce. This spacious apartment is adequate to the purpose, and in addition to the meetings there will be exhibits of various kinds there.

**Program Completed.**

More than ordinary preparation has been made for this convention by the committee appointed for that purpose. The delegates will be well entertained during their stay in Tulsa. Tonight at the Christian church the ladies of the congregation will serve an old-fashioned dinner to which all the delegates will be invited. Tomorrow afternoon the visitors will be taken on tours of the city and a considerable part of the country that they may see what we are doing to improve the highways hereabouts.

The convention will be called to order this morning by the president of the state federation, W. J. Milburn, after which the address of welcome will be delivered by Mayor Frank M. Woodson. The response will be forthcoming from Colonel A. N. Leecraft, former state highway commissioner. The principal addresses of the morning will be delivered by Alfred Hare, secretary of the Good Roads Federation, and President Milburn.

There will be more interesting exhibits at this convention than any other ever held in the southwest. There will be special road building machinery here especially for the occasion and experts will demonstrate their proper working on roads in the vicinity of this city. Among these

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## ASKS TO SEE DAY-LIGHT ONCE MORE.

Special to The World.

MALESTER, Dec. 9.—Bookman this evening made two requests of Warden R. W. Dick when the warden called at his cell. One was that he be permitted to see daylight once more; the other that his body be sent to his mother in Chicago, Texas. He asked the prison stockholder for a blue suit in which to die, but finding that there was nothing better, he selected a blue suit of his own and brown shoes.

**Not Afraid to Die.**

MALESTER, Dec. 9.—Henry Bookman, negro murderer, was to be electrocuted at the state penitentiary this morning at 1 o'clock and at midnight all preparations had been made for carrying out the death sentence.

Bookman has been in a half-crazed condition for several weeks, but yesterday he rallied somewhat. Preparations for the electrocution were guarded with the utmost secrecy, for fear of an uprising among the prisoners if they were to learn the exact hour of the event. They were told that it would be "some time between 1 o'clock and 3 o'clock this morning." Warden Dick, however, announced that the first electrocution within the walls of the state penitentiary would occur promptly at 1 o'clock. At midnight the 12 legal witnesses permitted to witness the execution, the penitentiary officials, the executioners, the prison chaplain and various peace officers had gathered in the wardens' office prepared to go to the death cell when summoned.

## 500 NEW MEMBERS ALREADY ENROLLED

More Than 200 Added to "Y" Roll Campaign's Second Day.

## REMARKABLE WORK

Confidently Thought 2,000 Mark Will Be Reached Today.



HENRY BOOKMAN. First man to be legally executed in Oklahoma for four years.

happily at times, though in a wheezing, husky voice, barely audible because of the condition of his throat.

"Ah! I ain't afraid to die," he said. "Everybody's got to die. When I'm dead, that's all."

Bookman was baptised shortly after being brought to the prison. For the past several days he has spoken out passages from a little Bible the chaplain gave him, and he says he has made his peace with God.

But Bookman persists that he can't remember having killed Hardin. He professes not even to have known the white man.

"Nah, I ain't guilty. I never done nothing to be killed for. Don't know why they going to kill me less it be because they got me in here. All I want to tell you is send me home. My folks might want my body, though I don't know as anybody cares about me now."

Bookman's mother lives in Chicago, Texas. His father is somewhere in Oklahoma. Four brothers and two sisters are living.

**He Likes Music.**

Bookman has taken special delight in the music of the prison orchestra since Wednesday afternoon. Negro convicts played sacred hymns Wednesday afternoon, again this morning while attendants were shaving his head and the calves of his legs, then again this afternoon and tonight up until near the time of his electrocution. Late Wednesday night he made a second attempt to commit suicide, this time by swallowing the chain of the toilet in his cell. Attendants rushed in and stopped him.

The hour of electrocution was fixed at 1 o'clock so as to avoid possible trouble with prisoners. There

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## PEACE DOVES ASSAILED BY U. S. WAR BOSS

Garrison Tells Wilson Nation Should Have 500,000 Men to Fight.

## FAULTY ARGUMENTS OF THOSE OPPOSED

Wars and Rumors of Wars; Nation Would Rise Against Nation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator Garrison declares in his annual report to the president, made public tonight, that if the administration plan for a continental army fails, the United States will face some form of compulsory military service.

In what many men in official life characterize as the most remarkable report ever made by a secretary of war, Mr. Garrison, power quickly over the widespread routine activities of the war department and devotes practically all his words to the subject of military preparedness, the need of which he sums up by saying:

"So long as right and wrong exist in the world there will be an inevitable conflict between them. The right-doers must be prepared to protect and defend the right as against the wrong."

Supporting in his arguments in answer to those who would have no increase in the country's military preparedness, Secretary Garrison declares that the American people must give up their idea of universal disarmament, and then goes on to take up the various arguments of the opposition separately.

**Strength for Protection.**

"There are some who do not feel free to base their conduct upon a consideration of facts or conclusions of reason, because of their interpretation of divine injunction," he says. "They do not believe in resistance to physical force, and those whose consciences are so convinced surrender life and all that they cherish and love at the behest of the aggressor. This attitude is responsible for much of the suffering and bloodshed in the world."

It cannot be made the general rule of conduct under our form of government without departing from the basis upon which our government is founded. One is impelled to query in what stronger consideration there is based any distinction between the right or necessity of repelling error, moral force to repel evil and physical force to repel wrong. If wrong is not repelled, it will be repeated, and if reason were applied, that in each instance the situation is identical, and that if we should properly prepare our minds to be strong, so that we can reject error, and our moral characters to be strong, we can reject evil; we should likewise make our physical force strong, in order that we may maintain the right as against those who would physically impose the wrong upon us."

**Always Have Been Wars.**

"There are others concerning whose clarity of vision we are not advised, and concerning whose soundness of reason we are not informed, because the attitude which they take is admittedly not based upon either vision or reason. They are those who predict that war will never come to this country, and assert that therefore preparation with respect thereto are unwise and needless. Since wars have come upon nations from the earliest date of recorded history to this moment, there is no basis of fact for such a position but an actual demonstration of the consequences of such beliefs. We were early warned that there would be wars and rumors of wars, and that nation would rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and the end was not yet; and THAT prediction has been fully verified. There is no basis and no foundation to conclude that this great evil has been eliminated, and if therefore must be treated as are all other existing evils and must be prepared against. Surely, as between resting upon prediction or upon preparation, wisdom would not hesitate."

**Preparedness Brings Strife.**

"There are others among us who are too intelligent and clear-sighted not to see the facts and to realize their significance, but who counsel inaction because they mistrust themselves and the nation. Those to whom I now refer do not believe in the doctrine of nonresistance; they do not rest upon the prediction that an evil which has existed since the world began has ceased to exist and been abolished and should not therefore be considered as one to be prepared against; they even point out our potentiality of force, but they counsel against any preparation thereof. They base this counsel upon the expressed fear that if we possess force, we will be induced to use it when we should not. This position ignores the responsibilities which we have undertaken and which we must maintain at any self-sacrifice. It ignores the fact that if nations which possess force are likely to use it when they should not, some nation which has such force is likely to use it against us when it should not. It assumes

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## HARDWARE DEALERS SELECT OFFICERS

Go on Record Against Employing Convicts in the State Mines.

Special to The World.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 9.—Officers of the Oklahoma Hardware & Implement Dealers association were elected this evening and the two-days' session closed with a smoker and vaudeville entertainment. The officers are S. S. Reed, Pauls Valley, president; Henry Borklund, Cashlon, vice-president; W. B. Porch, Mustang, secretary-treasurer.

The committee on resolutions failed to make a report before adjournment. No provision was made for another session and they were not presented. It is understood they will be left to the discretion of the executive board. It is known that the resolutions favor the working of state convicts on the public roads of the state, and it is suggested that if sufficient of the convicts would be employed in this way there would be none left to carry on the work of certain of the industries proposed to be established in the prison. This would solve the question of working convicts in the mines and at the various industries, in that there would be none left to do the work. The association is not in sympathy with the indiscriminate employment of the convicts in the industries to an extent that other laborers may be endangered in their rights or opportunities.

The resolutions also favor the Stevens merchandising bill, and a memorial will be sent to the Oklahoma delegation in congress urging them to support.

## Last Day of "Double the Membership" Race

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